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Board Meeting - July 31, 1994 - 11am
Louis Kampf's house
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Dear Board member,

We have 30 requests and have \$18,000 to give out for grants (\$600 x 30). We also have the \$1,179 not used at previous board meetings for a grand total of \$19,179 to use for grants.

Please remember the Maximum grant is \$1,000 (but could be less); Some grant is \$300; Token grants remains at \$100; and emergency grants have been raised to \$200.

I'll send you references and updated information for these requests about a week before the board meeting.

AGENDA

** Any last minute items of information by staff which are important.

EMERGENCY GRANTS

- 1) A \$200 emergency grant was made to The Indigenous Peoples' Support Group in Minneapolis, Minnesota to assist with a speaking tour of two men from Chiapas, Mexico before the August presidential elections in Mexico.
- 2) A \$200 emergency grant was made to the Piedmont Peace Project in Kannapolis, North Carolina for removing barriers to their work.
- 3) A \$200 emergency grant was made to the California Pro-Choice Education Fund of CARAL to help them track and document the summer Operation Rescue caravan campaign.

GRANT REQUESTS

Women

1) California Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (CARAL) - South Education Fund (Los Angeles, CA) - Request of \$1,000 toward the expenses of their educational forum on women's health care to be held in August.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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4) Pro-Choice Project - ACLU of Kentucky (Louisville, KY) - Asking for \$1,000 toward the purchase of an IBM computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual

5) Asian and Pacific Islander Homosexuality/Homophobia Education Project (Seattle, WA) - \$850 requested toward the expenses of their Speakers Bureau Project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

6) Outreach to Rural Youth (Yakima, Washington) - Requests \$837.00 for the expenses of postage, telephone, and printing resource material and training booklets for youth to speak out against the legislative anti-gay initiatives on the November Washington state ballot.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Youth

7) Campus Action (Albany, NY) - Asking for \$1,000 to help build and strengthen student activist networks in the Capital District.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Prisoners

8) Gary Graham Justice Coalition (Houston, Texas) - Requests \$1,000 to produce an educational mailing to the community on abuses of the criminal justice system and on the injustice of the death penalty.

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9) Prisoners' Legal News (Lake Worth, FL) - POSTPONED from June. This application was postponed so that board members could read some of the articles from the newsletter. Requests \$1,000 toward the costs of mailings to increase the number of institutional subscribers.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Community Organizing/Anti-racism

10) Political Research Associates (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 requested toward the mailing expenses of a leaflet to the 3,000 participants of the recent conference "Black Women in the Academy."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

11) Judicial Process Commission (Rochester, NY) - Requests \$650 toward the expenses of a workshop on prejudice and discrimination in the Monroe County area.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

12) Learning Alliance (New York, NY) - A request of \$800 toward the expenses of their Data Base and Networking Service for the social change community.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

13) Military Conversion Accountability Project (Cambridge, MA) - Requests \$1,000 for seed money to develop state economic conversion programs and funds.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

14) Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development (Hartford, CT) - Asking for \$1,000 for the expenses of a grassroots/neighborhood economic development conference.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Labor

15) Fuerza Unida, Inc. (San Antonio, TX) - Request of \$800 for the preparation and mailing of a monthly newsletter to promote their Promotora Leadership Development Project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

16) Washington State Jobs with Justice (Seattle, WA) - POSTPONED from June. This application was postponed because they had not answered question no. 10 on the application form. \$800 requested for the costs of mailings for their Outreach Project to increase the diversity of their constituent groups.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Central and Latin America and the Caribbean

17) Project Quetzal, Inc. (Haddam, CT) - Requests \$950 for the production of an informational brochure and for a quarterly newsletter on the subject of women and children in Guatemala.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

18) Las Americas Refugee Asylum Project (El Paso, TX) - Asking for \$600 to purchase a modem and a year's subscription to PeaceNet and HandsNet computer information networks.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

19) Chicago Nicaragua Solidarity Committee (Chicago, IL) - \$1,000 requested toward the expenses of their "workathon" at a public housing development, an organizing and fund-raising event.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

20) Latin America News (Boulder, CO) - They're asking for \$1,000 toward the telephone, distribution, and advertising expenses of their radio news show that will cover primarily election-related issues in Mexico and Brazil.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Peace/Anti-militarism

21) Cape Cod Fellowship of Reconciliation (Harwich, MA) - A request of \$1,000 toward the expenses of their newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

22) Knolls Action Project (Albany, NY) - Requests \$1,000 toward the purchase of a new IBM computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

23) Midwest Witness for Peace (Casey, IA) - They're asking for \$1,000 toward the purchase of a Macintosh computer and printer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Environmental

24) Citizens' Research and Environmental Watch (Concord, MA) - Asking for \$1,000 toward the expenses of their fall newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

25) Sun Day: A Campaign for a Sustainable Energy Future (Takoma Park, MD) - Requests \$500 for postage and production costs of a mailing for Sun Day 1995.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Cultural

26) New Haven/Leon Sister City Project (New Haven, CT) - Request for \$1,000 toward the expenses of their Flor de Cana Concert, for promotion and outreach.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Miscellaneous

27) Peace Brigades International/USA (Berkeley, CA) - Asking for \$800 towards the purchase of film to further their outreach and education efforts in the US about political violence to individuals in Guatemala, Sri Lanka, and North America.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

28) Green Utopia Task Force (Seattle, WA) - request for \$1,000 toward the printing of color brochures to market and sell Red Cloud Quill Work.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

29) The National Center for Redress of Incest and Sexual Abuse (Washington, DC) - Requests \$800 toward the printing, production, and distribution of their handbook, "From Silence to Social Change: Adult Survivors of Incest Consider Legal Action."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Office -

1) Finances report.

2) Miscellaneous/other.

* The next Board Meeting has been scheduled for September 11 in Boston. We will need a Board member to host the meeting. We are thinking about holding the October meeting in New York City on either October 23 or October 30. We'll be polling board members about these dates.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Palmer, Resist staff

RESIST BOARD MEETING
July 31, 1994
Louis Kampf's house, Cambridge, MA

PRESENT: Pam Chamberlain, Cheryl Smith, Nancy Palmer (minutes), Fran White, Louis Kampf, Ken Hale, and Wayne O'Neil.

EMERGENCY GRANTS REPORT:

- 1) A \$200 emergency grant was made to The Indigenous Peoples' Support Group in Minneapolis, Minnesota to assist with a speaking tour of two men from Chiapas, Mexico before the August presidential elections in Mexico.
- 2) A \$200 emergency grant was made to the Piedmont Peace Project in Kannapolis, North Carolina for removing barriers to their work.
- 3) A \$200 emergency grant was made to the California Pro-Choice Education Fund of CARAL to help them track and document the summer Operation Rescue caravan campaign.
- 4) A \$200 emergency grant was made to the Gary Graham Justice Coalition in Houston, Texas for the expenses of immediate mailings about a new execution date to be set for prisoner Gary Graham within six weeks.

FINANCES as of 7/31/94:

Cambridge Trust Company	\$37,610.07
Calvert Operating Fund	\$74,178.07
Calvert Bond Fund/Managed Growth	\$95,679.63
Bond Fund	\$33,069.63
 Total unrestricted funds:	 \$240,537.40
 Resist Endowment	 \$27,085.15
Cohen Endowment	\$9,920.24
Loan Fund	\$6,100.39
 Total restricted funds:	 \$43,105.78
 TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	 \$283,643.18

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Sept. 11, at Ken Hale's house. October meeting is in NYC.

GRANTS: For this meeting we had 30 requests and had \$18,000 to give out for grants (\$600 x 30). We also had the \$1,179 not used at previous board meetings for a grand total of \$19,179 to be used for grants. We gave out a total of \$16,537, which leaves \$2,642 additional money for future board meetings. All groups that were funded received what they had requested.

1) California Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (CARAL) - South Education Fund (Los Angeles, CA) - YES to a request of \$1,000 toward the expenses of their educational forum on women's health care to be held in August. Discussion re: how we ask the political perspective question. This is a long-term issue - can we re-phrase this question at some point?

2) Date/Marital Rape Education Project (Berkeley, CA) - YES to a request for \$1,000 toward the expenses of updating their state law chart on where marital, cohabitant and date rape are still legal. Discussion: Good project, good recommendations - does this group need this amount of money? It was decided to give them the full amount.

3) Osborne/Gosling Productions (Berkeley, CA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$950 for the promotion materials, a study guide, and an outreach mailing for their video on the Zapotec women of southern Oaxaca, Mexico. Discussion: Members thought the project was great, but not a priority for Resist funding - no larger political organizing behind it.

4) Pro-Choice Project - ACLU of Kentucky (Louisville, KY) - YES to a grant of \$1,000 toward the purchase of an IBM computer. Board members were happy to see Anne Braden's reference for this group.

5) Asian and Pacific Islander Homosexuality/Homophobia Education Project (Seattle, WA) - YES to a request of \$850 toward the expenses of their Speakers Bureau Project. Discussion: This proposal was well put together, a good plan for a campaign. They have clear goals about working within the community there.

6) Outreach to Rural Youth (Yakima, Washington) - YES to a request of \$837 for the expenses of postage, telephone, and printing resource material and training booklets for youth to speak out against the legislative anti-gay initiatives on the November Washington state ballot. Discussion re: changing the wording on our application form from "sexual orientation" to "sexual preference." Board is willing to go with the current trend. Further discussion re: the effectiveness of "sensitivity training" as a strategy. Board members also expressed concern about the safety of this group organizing in rural Washington.

7) Campus Action (Albany, NY) - YES to a request of \$1,000 to help build and strengthen student activist networks in the Capital District. Board members were happy to see this focus on youth as well as this group's concern with actual issues as students see them.

8) Gary Graham Justice Coalition (Houston, Texas) - POSTPONED. Requested \$1,000 to produce an educational mailing to the community on abuses of the criminal justice system and on the injustice of the death penalty. The Board needs to see a draft of the mailing, as well as any follow up plans for the mailing.

9) Prisoners' Legal News (Lake Worth, FL) - NO GRANT. POSTPONED from June. This application was postponed so that board members could read some of the articles from the newsletter. Requested \$1,000 toward the costs of mailings to increase the number of institutional subscribers. Discussion re: Shining Path articles, now it no longer seems like one article, but a series of articles, replies, letters, etc. about the Shining Path. While the Board admires the work they do, the Board is uniformly opposed to contributing to a group that continues to be supportive of the Shining Path.

10) Political Research Associates (Cambridge, MA) - NO GRANT. \$500 was requested toward the mailing expenses of a leaflet to the 3,000 participants of the recent conference "Black Women in the Academy." Board members thought that this mailing was a good idea, but the high budget of PRA prohibits Resist from funding this project as a priority. Discussion re: how much people liked their newsletter, The Public Eye. The board hopes that PRA will be able to do the mailing anyway, with other resources.

11) Judicial Process Commission (Rochester, NY) - NO GRANT. Requested \$650 toward the expenses of a workshop on prejudice and discrimination in the Monroe County area. Discussion re: What is their political agenda? Does their approach, or individual conflict resolution, address the problem they set out, or "systemic" prejudice? Board members felt that this group could get funding elsewhere.

12) Learning Alliance (New York, NY) - NO GRANT. Requested \$800 toward the expenses of their Data Base and Networking Service for the social change community. Both their references and the board thought this group had access to funding sources elsewhere.

13) Military Conversion Accountability Project (Cambridge, MA) - NO GRANT. Requested \$1,000 for seed money to develop state economic conversion programs and funds. Discussion: Resist does not generally provide seed money for groups, but if they develop a specific project later, they can re-apply for funding.

14) Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development (Hartford, CT) - YES to a request of \$1,000 for the expenses of a grassroots/neighborhood economic development conference. Note: This is one of very few groups that do community organizing on mainstream economic issues.

15) Fuerza Unida, Inc. (San Antonio, TX) - YES to a request of \$800 for the preparation and mailing of a monthly newsletter to promote their Promotora Leadership Development Project.

16) Washington State Jobs with Justice (Seattle, WA) - POSTPONED from June. This application was postponed because they had not answered question no. 10 on the application form. YES to a request of \$800 for the costs of mailings for their Outreach Project to increase the diversity of their constituent groups. They sent a letter answering the question.

17) Project Quetzal, Inc. (Haddam, CT) - YES to a request of \$950 for the production of an informational brochure and for a quarterly newsletter on the subject of women and children in Guatemala. Board members were impressed with their newsletter.

- 18) Las Americas Refugee Asylum Project (El Paso, TX) - YES to a request for \$600 to purchase a modem and a year's subscription to PeaceNet and HandsNet computer information networks. Discussion re: the computer networks.
- 19) Chicago Nicaragua Solidarity Committee (Chicago, IL) - YES to \$1,000 requested toward the expenses of their "workathon" at a public housing development, an organizing and fund-raising event.
- 20) Latin America News (Boulder, CO) - YES to a request of \$1,000 toward the telephone, distribution, and advertising expenses of their radio news show that will cover primarily election-related issues in Mexico and Brazil. Sent a Finding Funding booklet also.
- 21) Cape Cod Fellowship of Reconciliation (Harwich, MA) - NO GRANT. Requested of \$1,000 toward the expenses of their newsletter. Board members would be happy to fund their essay project, or any other political project, but their newsletter seems self-sustaining.
- 22) Knolls Action Project (Albany, NY) - YES to a request of \$1,000 toward the purchase of a new IBM computer. Other groups will be able to use this computer.
- 23) Midwest Witness for Peace (Casey, IA) - YES to a request of \$1,000 toward the purchase of a Macintosh computer and printer. Sent a Finding Funding booklet also to this group.
- 24) Citizens' Research and Environmental Watch (Concord, MA) - NO GRANT. Asked for \$1,000 toward the expenses of their fall newsletter. Board members referred this group to MassPirg and other environmental groups, as well as recommending Whistle Blowers to this group. Not a priority for Resist funding.
- 25) Sun Day: A Campaign for a Sustainable Energy Future (Takoma Park, MD) - NO GRANT. Requested \$500 for postage and production costs of a mailing for Sun Day 1995. This group should be able to get other funding, including some corporate funding. Seems like a one man operation.
- 26) New Haven/Leon Sister City Project (New Haven, CT) - YES to a request for \$1,000 toward the expenses of their Flor de Cana Concert, for promotion and outreach. Board members were impressed with their good sister city relationship and consider them to be a model for sister city projects.
- 27) Peace Brigades International/USA (Berkeley, CA) - YES to a request for \$800 towards the purchase of film to further their outreach and education efforts in the US about political violence to individuals in Guatemala, Sri Lanka, and North America. Discussion re: what they would use the film for.
- 28) Green Utopia Task Force (Seattle, WA) - NO GRANT. Requested \$1,000 toward the printing of color brochures to market and sell Red Cloud Quill Work. There were no references who knew anything about this group, seems like it's mainly one person involved. A good idea, but not a Resist priority for funding.

29) The National Center for Redress of Incest and Sexual Abuse (Washington, DC) - NO GRANT. Requested \$800 toward the printing, production, and distribution of their handbook, "From Silence to Social Change: Adult Survivors of Incest Consider Legal Action." Discussion re: What is the political organizing around the booklet? What are the larger organizing issues? While the board was impressed with the brochure, people did not see how it would be used for political organizing.

30) JOIN: A Center for Involvement (Portland, OR) - YES to a request of \$900 for stipends to homeless people who take on speaking engagements on the issue. Discussion re: Problems with organizing around homelessness.

OTHER BUSINESS: Board members proposed that references do not have to be read at each meeting, since people have already read them once. The Board then discussed staff personnel issues.

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July 19, 1994

Dear Board Members:

Enclosed are the nearly complete references for the July board meeting, as well as two pieces of additional material (progress reports from 2 groups). I'll send out the final two references when they come in!

References for July 31, 1994 board meeting:

1) California Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (CARAL) - South Education Fund (Los Angeles, CA) - Request of \$1,000 toward the expenses of their educational forum on women's health care to be held in August.

Michele Prichard of Liberty Hill did not know this particular group because they are so new, but is impressed with the work of CARAL. Rebecca Gordon of Tides is familiar with this group, though new. She said that she's very impressed with the work CARAL is doing locally, and also that CARAL has a long-term strategy to fight the right out there. She also said that CARAL in general does impressive outreach to communities of color, and that they work in conjunction with many other groups. She highly recommends funding them.

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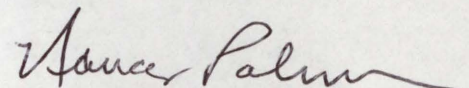
Rochelle Ruthchild said that she has known about Laura X. and her work since 1969 and said that she would absolutely fund her work, that it is important work and has been underfunded for years. Vicki Gabriner also knows Laura X. by reputation and supports this project. She said that the Date/Marital Rape Education Project does necessary and good work. Amy Swerdlow is in favor of the project. She said that it involves people in activities who normally wouldn't be involved and that Laura X. has good politics. She said that while she feels that the request is a worthy project, she is not sure that \$1,000 is necessary for the project.

Reference from 1991 - I talked with Rochelle Ruthchild who said that Laura X does tend to be a driving force in any organization with which she's involved, but Rochelle does know that the Project is not a 1 person show. There are other people involved and working with Laura on this. To Rochelle, the other issue by which to judge the request is the importance of the issue itself. This Project has been critical in bringing the issue forward. She says that they've done a lot already and are not "fly-by-night", have had a good track record in the past and does have a network of folks around the country. This is a very timely issue, considering the public attention being directed toward it, through TV shows and the Thomas hearings. She feels that it would be important for Resist to fund the Project to show support for the issue.

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3) Osborne/Gosling Productions (Berkeley, CA) - Requests \$950 for the promotion materials, a study guide, and an outreach mailing for their video on the Zapotec women of southern Oaxaca, Mexico.

Nilo Cuyaqueo of SAIIC recommends this group for funding. He has seen the video and supports it and said that the group does good work in Oaxaca. He says that they encourage the participation of the Zapotec women in the filming process.

I watched the 15 minute pilot of the video, Skirt Full of Butterflies, and thought it was well-made and interesting. The video is an anthropological piece about recovering a lost society. I was hard pressed, however, to think about the film in any other way than as an informational narrative about Zapotec women's culture. The only politics or economics I could make an argument for would be that it may raise questions for viewers about the politics of an almost fully sex segregated society. (N. Palmer)

4) Pro-Choice Project - ACLU of Kentucky (Louisville, KY) - Asking for \$1,000 toward the purchase of an IBM computer.

Anne Braden of the Southern Organizing Committee said that this is "a wonderful group." They've been key in the pro-choice movement there in Kentucky. The ACLU there is one of the better ones in the U.S. in terms of being politically progressive; they're coalition-minded and can get people out more than most groups there. The Pro-Choice Project has worked with a lot of different groups and has emphasized abortion rights for poor women and women of color. This spring they filed a suit to get Kentucky to use Medicaid money to pay for abortions. They do court challenges as well as grass-roots outreach. She also knows that they need the computer that they've requested funds for.

5) Asian and Pacific Islander Homosexuality/Homophobia Education Project (Seattle, WA) - \$850 requested toward the expenses of their Speakers Bureau Project.

Alice Ito of A Territory Resource highly recommended funding this group. She was "very impressed" with their work during a recent site visit. Territory Resource funded them, giving them seed money for starting up their organizing and outreach. Ito finds that this group is one of the few groups in this country that has a commitment to working within the Asian American community, rather than working in isolation from the community. In terms of their proposed project, the Speakers' Bureau, she thinks that they have a strong organizing plan. She hopes that we can fund them because she says that most funders probably would not review them.

6) Outreach to Rural Youth (Yakima, Washington) - Requests \$837.00 for the expenses of postage, telephone, and printing resource material and training booklets for youth to speak out against the legislative anti-gay initiatives on the November Washington state ballot.

Alice Ito of A Territory Resource has heard good things about them, but doesn't know them personally. Judith Kolokoff of AFSC Seattle said that this group does important and effective work against the anti-gay initiatives. She says the climate they work in is very different from Seattle, and that this group is one of the only organizations working to promote awareness of the initiatives in Seattle's rural communities. Apart from Seattle, she says, there are almost no other resources for young people besides this group. Their conference last year, she says, was extremely important, and that the group has also helped to provide an audience for the AFSC. The group does a lot of networking with teachers and counselors in the state. They have been around for about three years.

7) Campus Action (Albany, NY) - Asking for \$1,000 to help build and strengthen student activist networks in the Capital District. (RESIST funded them in 1993).

Alice Green of the Center for Law and Justice in Albany says that from what she knows of Campus Action via working on a conference with them, she thinks they do a good job in their education work between the school and the community, work that is primarily on racism and bigotry. Carmen Rau of the Social Justice Center in Albany says that Campus Action, one of their member groups there at the Center, is probably the only group in the Capital District doing this kind of work. She sees the work they do, educating and organizing students around progressive issues, as being vital to "keeping the progressive movement alive." She strongly recommends funding them, saying that there should be Campus Action groups all over the country.

Reference from 1993 - Carmen Rau of the Social Justice Center in Albany said that the group's contact person has done great things in the area. (He was a staff person for the Korea group there, among other activities.) "This is a truly multi-cultural group... They made sure it was well-balanced from the beginning... really has taken off.... helps the Center itself through volunteers and energy... done lots of events, including a Conference and workshops on racism... heard good things on turn-outs to events... feel that their Directory is a good and useful thing for students." Carmen highly recommends funding the project.

8) Gary Graham Justice Coalition (Houston, Texas) - Requests \$1,000 to produce an educational mailing to the community on abuses of the criminal justice system and on the injustice of the death penalty. (RESIST awarded them an emergency grant on 7/12/94 for \$200).

After not being able to reach anyone at the National Prison Project for two weeks, I contacted Gerry Traina of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, who highly recommended this group for funding. The NCADP works with the Gary Graham Justice Coalition, and Traina said that they do very good work on educating people about racism and the death penalty. She said they're a small group with a small budget and could really use the funds.

9) Prison Legal News (Lake Worth, FL) - POSTPONED from June. This application was postponed so that board members could read some of the articles from the newsletter. Requests \$1,000 toward the costs of mailings to increase the number of institutional subscribers.

From June board meeting: For their last request, I called Bonnie Kerness of AFSC/NY Metro. Criminal Justice Program who said that she felt "that their newsletter is important. I've talked with prisoners who have used the newsletter and they feel that it is an important resource for them and with information not readily available elsewhere. I think highly of them." I asked her opinion of the editorial in the newsletter on the Shining Path. She said that she felt that it was not appropriate, and didn't belong in such a newsletter. She also said that, in spite of that, she does very much support the newsletter in general.

I called her again and she said that she agrees with her last reference and that the newsletter is still "a valuable piece of information for prisoners, especially jail house lawyers."

10) Political Research Associates (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 requested toward the mailing expenses of a leaflet to the 3,000 participants of the recent conference "Black Women in the Academy."

Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force says that the project is a very good thing to do, that getting these articles out to this group of people would be very significant. In general, she thinks PRA is an "excellent organization," and that they do "really important work." This project in particular she sees as getting useful information out to an engaged community. In terms of their budget, she thinks that it would be useful to make an exception for them.

11) Judicial Process Commission (Rochester, NY) - Requests \$650 toward the expenses of a workshop on prejudice and discrimination in the Monroe County area. (RESIST funded them years ago for their newsletter).

Henrietta Levine of Rochester said "they do very good work" on prison reform, women in prison, and drug policy. She's supported them for years as a member. She thinks they're probably underfunded at all times, despite their nominal workshop fees. Judith Knight of the New York Civil Liberties Union said this group is very necessary there, prejudice of all kinds is so pervasive in the community there. This group works in opposition to a large, white, conservative majority in the county which holds the power in the community. She said that JPC organizes well, presents well, has a small staff and a good track record.

12) Learning Alliance (New York, NY) - A request of \$800 toward the expenses of their Data Base and Networking Service for the social change community.

Betty Kapatanakis of the North Star Fund said that this group has been around for awhile and does a lot of good work in the city, like forums on political issues and social change. She says they're a good organization, but she thinks also that in terms of financial need, this group is better off than most community organizing groups. They charge fees which she thinks cover most of the expenses. The North Star Fund has funded them some in the past, but again based on this group's relative access to funds. She does think that the project they proposed would be useful to the community and that it would expand their already good networking services to even more people and groups.

13) Military Conversion Accountability Project (Cambridge, MA) - Requests \$1,000 for seed money to develop state economic conversion programs and funds.

Labor Notes had heard of this group but didn't know anything specific about them. Cynthia Ward of New England Labor's Call to Action (their reference) has met with this group about the state conversion project. She recommends this group for seed money because she thinks they've done a good job of developing their proposal. She thinks it's a good concept and would be really helpful not just to them, but to all the groups in the state working on economic conversion - she sees MCAP as part of a larger conversion project for the state.

14) Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development (Hartford, CT) - Asking for \$1,000 for the expenses of a grassroots/neighborhood economic development conference. (RESIST funded them in 1992).

Reference from 1992 - Paul Lauter said that his contact for Hartford, Jim Miller, knows people involved in this. They've been around a long time; have been actively involved; are, on the whole the furthest to the left in a variety of issues; experienced hands and likely to do something which would be useful. Jim said that these are "reasonable people to support."

15) Fuerza Unida, Inc. (San Antonio, TX) - Request of \$800 for the preparation and mailing of a monthly newsletter to promote their Promotora Leadership Development Project.

Delia Gomez of Las Americas Refugee Project had only heard of this group. Dan Kesselbrenner had also only heard of this group, and he suggested calling Lee Teran in San Antonio. She knew of this group as an organization of Mexican American women who organized after the Levi plant closed down several years ago. It is a group of former seamstresses in their 40's and 50's who took the Levi plant to court. Since then, she said, they've been working in the community, organizing and speaking about labor issues. Mary Hollens of Labor Notes knows of this group and says that they're doing a lot of good work. She says they've done a "wonderful" job in educating women workers in San Antonio about the Levi Co. Now they are expanding their initial struggle by starting up a worker's center in the community there.

16) Washington State Jobs with Justice (Seattle, WA) - POSTPONED from June. This application was postponed because they had not answered question no. 10 on the application form. \$800 requested for the costs of mailings for their Outreach Project to increase the diversity of their constituent groups.

From June board meeting: Dan Petegorsky of PDF/West didn't know much of this and referred me to Alice Ito of A Territory Resource foundation. Alice said ATR had funded the group recently and that it is "an interesting group... major function is bringing together people in unions and in community groups, a really important aspect of their work; not many groups have done this... focus their activity on actions, had success in getting people out to rallies, pickets... bring together a diversity of groups and people, including gay and lesbian groups. Considering how hot the issue is in the northwest, this is very telling about them - that they've made a real effort on outreach to gay and lesbian groups, considering the atmosphere... they're diverse, strongest among the African American community but have a little way to go as far as the Asian and Latino communities... they are making an effort on this by going to various community groups, some of their members and leadership have made an effort to join community groups... the request to Resist is a good one to fund."

17) Project Quetzal, Inc. (Haddam, CT) - Requests \$950 for the production of an informational brochure and for a quarterly newsletter on the subject of women and children in Guatemala.

Witness for Peace - Sally Jones has not heard of them. Julio Morales, President of Latinos Contra SIDA in Connecticut, says that he knows that this group does very good work, and he would "love to see them get funded." He thinks that it's an excellent project that does education and health work with the women and children of a village in Guatemala, and in helping the women assume leadership positions there. He says that the group does quite well there, in spite of the country's larger problems. He thinks that it is a viable and strong group.

18) Las Americas Refugee Asylum Project (El Paso, TX) - Asking for \$600 to purchase a modem and a year's subscription to PeaceNet and HandsNet computer information networks. (RESIST funded them in 1988 and in 1991).

Dan Kesselbrenner of the NLG Nat. Imm. Project was a former board member for this organization. He says this group has really expanded from what started as an organization doing primarily legal assistance to a group that now does multi-focused human rights advocacy, including responding to the concerns of the immigrant community in Texas and monitoring border control. They are people of recent immigrant backgrounds and are part of regional coalitions working to combat anti-immigrant sentiment in Texas. He thinks this proposal in particular, for a modem and subscriptions to PeaceNet and HandsNet, is important to increase LARAP's ability to retrieve and send out information, since communication is vital to the group. He says they do "really good work."

19) Chicago Nicaragua Solidarity Committee (Chicago, IL) - \$1,000 requested toward the expenses of their "workathon" at a public housing development, an organizing and fund-raising event.

Lucy Smith of Crossroads Fund said that for this project, the CNSC collaborates with the residents of Dearborn public housing, residents who are primarily African-American, to work on the whole complex as well as on individual apartments. What impresses her the most, though, about CNSC is the larger work that they do, which is connecting residents of Dearborn with blacks in Nicaragua. She said that this group relates the struggles of the local community to the larger struggle of international solidarity. She says they are interested in "hooking up black people across the world." She highly recommends funding them.

20) Latin America News (Boulder, CO) - They're asking for \$1,000 toward the telephone, distribution, and advertising expenses of their radio news show that will cover primarily election-related issues in Mexico and Brazil. (RESIST funded them in 1998, in 1991, and in 1993).

Laura Golden of the Chinook Fund said that this is a really unique program and that they do good work and are an important organization. Chinook has also funded them in the past year. She also said that when Chinook reviewed them, they found that the group has not been working very hard on their funding. She feels that the small grants that Chinook and Resist give them aren't enough to keep them going.

Reference from 1993 - For their 1988 request, I talked with Chinook Fund in Denver. Chinook had funded them. They were local CISPES people and had done well with the material used. It is the only broadcast source of information in area. A militant group for 5 years on Central America. For their last grant, I called Chinook again. They affirmed the above and also said that this does programming on the most progressive station in Colorado. They have good politics. Chinook's only question to them is one that is generic to all groups in Boulder: a question on diversity. A lot of Boulder groups are all Anglo, but he knows they do have one or two people of color in the group. Chinook had a favorable opinion of the group in general. I checked with Chinook again this year. Laura Golden said that the program continues to be very good and they have expanded their distribution of the programs across the US and Canada. "Real committed people, good politics, on top of things... trying to make a priority of paying their foreign correspondents... We have a favorable impression of them." The group did send an audio tape. I'll ask Yana to review and report on it.

21) Cape Cod Fellowship of Reconciliation (Harwich, MA) - A request of \$1,000 toward the expenses of their newsletter. (RESIST has funded them in 1992 and in 1993).

Peg Lilienthal, former board member of Haymarket Fund, said that this group puts on good educational programs for their members and is the only group on the Cape that has a regular educational program. They fulfill a role on the Cape that no other organization does. She also said that the newsletter ought to be self-sustaining, that they charge yearly dues of \$12 or \$15 that ought to sustain the newsletter. They don't send the newsletter, she thinks, to people who don't pay for it. She also thinks that \$1,000 is a lot of money for their newsletter, since their membership is only between 35 - 50 people. Rev. Jonathon Ahnquist (their reference) said that what this group is doing is a very broad effort about international peace and humanity. Their newsletter touches all kinds of issues, and is a progressive newsletter that keeps people alert on how to relate to each other in a non-violent way. He's not actively involved in their work but supports them and reads the newsletter.

Reference from 1993 - Peg Lilienthal of the Haymarket Board knows the group well. They do good work and, among other projects, have one she feels is unique there. They also deal with local issues (the only group on the Cape to call in a person from the Wampanogs to talk to the community.) This group keeps the community current on local, national and international issues. Peg feels that the project for which they're asking a grant is "wonderful" since the only information getting into the high schools is from the military. Nauset High School has a "gung ho" principal who, a couple of years ago, had the Air Force land a helicopter on the football field and handed out model M15 rifles to the students. This FOR project gives the students the opportunity to think about important issues. Last year they had a good response and good essays from the students. Peg thinks this is a "really important program." Recommended.

22) Knolls Action Project (Albany, NY) - Requests \$1,000 toward the purchase of a new IBM computer. (RESIST funded them in 1992).

Carmen Rau of the Social Action Center said that KAP is "incredible," and that she's particularly fond of them and very impressed with their work. They have a new director who does very good organizing and networking. She thinks the computer that they requested funds for is needed for their new project which is to track the Navy's radioactive waster nationally and then to let communities know where the Navy is shipping it, when, and what they can do about it.

Reference from 1992 - I called Carmen Rau of the Social Justice Center in Albany. She said, "We love them!.... been around a long time.... have a staff person... big contributor to the general work of the Center in terms of activity.... Their members are active both with the Center as well as in various other issues... work well in coalition with other issues groups.... A good group."

23) Midwest Witness for Peace (Casey, IA) - They're asking for \$1,000 toward the purchase of a Macintosh computer and printer.

Sally Jones of Witness for Peace (Washington DC) said that the Witness for Peace regions have consolidated and that this office, opened in Jan. of 1993, is what used to be the Midwest Witness for Peace in Chicago, IL. (RESIST funded the Chicago office in 1992 and in 1990). Nancy Guthrie at the Iowa Peace Network said that they have worked with the new Midwest Witness for Peace, mainly on Central America events, and would recommend them highly for funding. She knows that they have had trouble getting funds and that they "run on a shoestring." In spite of this, she said that last year they did almost all the work on a statewide conference on Central America, a conference which she felt was very valuable.

24) Citizens' Research and Environmental Watch (Concord, MA) - Asking for \$1,000 toward the expenses of their fall newsletter.

After being unable to reach Pat Maher of Haymarket for several weeks, Mat Wilson of the MA Campaign to Clean Up Hazardous Waste (a recipient of a RESIST grant in 1989) said that he has known of this group since about 1988 and has worked with them on toxins issues and most recently on radioactive waste. He says that this group is up against a company (Nuclear Metals) that is well protected by local government, and that CREW is in a constant battle with this co. The newsletter, he feels, is important to reaching the community which otherwise would have no information about Nuclear Metals, Inc. He says it's "a pretty good group" with "sharp organizers" who do a lot of public speaking.

25) Sun Day: A Campaign for a Sustainable Energy Future (Takoma Park, MD) - Requests \$500 for postage and production costs of a mailing for Sun Day 1995.

Tom Culotta of Baltimore, hasn't heard of them - says Takoma Park is a commuter suburb of Washington D.C. Liz Moore of the Solar Action Network said that she has worked with the coordinator of Sun Day a good deal, Ken Bosson, and that he is outstanding - very efficient and thorough. When asked if the Sun Day project was a group, she said it was basically the coordinator, Ken, and a national network of solar activists that he has organized. She thinks that he could use the funds for mailings to this network of activists.

26) New Haven/Leon Sister City Project (New Haven, CT) - Request for \$1,000 toward the expenses of their Flor de Cana Concert, for promotion and outreach. (RESIST funded them in 1992).

Hans Koning agreed with his last reference for this group. He said he's still very much in touch with them and recommends them "wholeheartedly and unreservedly" for funding. He said they're an important group for New Haven.

Reference from 1992 - Hans Koning has been strongly supportive of this group. He's worked with them since he's been in New Haven. He said that they are "extremely committed, serious, politically astute, very frugal, very organized, a radical influence in the community which goes beyond the sister city issue." They've used connections not only to support Nicaragua and Leon but to encourage progressive change in New Haven. Recommended.

27) Peace Brigades International/USA (Berkeley, CA) - Asking for \$800 towards the purchase of film to further their outreach and education efforts in the US about political violence to individuals in Guatemala, Sri Lanka, and North America.

From the Guatemala News and Information Bureau, Anne Aleshire said that she would "absolutely" fund them, and that the "work they do is very important in Guatemala." She thinks very highly of them. In terms of their budget, she said that their expenses are probably very high because they do so much international communication, and she knows that recently they have had to consolidate in order to cut costs.

28) Green Utopia Task Force (Seattle, WA) - request for \$1,000 toward the printing of color brochures to market and sell Red Cloud Quill Work.

29) The National Center for Redress of Incest and Sexual Abuse (Washington, DC) - Requests \$800 toward the printing, production, and distribution of their handbook, "From Silence to Social Change: Adult Survivors of Incest Consider Legal Action."

Mandy Carter of the Human Rights Campaign hasn't heard of them.

Denise Snyder of DC Rape Crisis Center (their reference) - said that she worked with Elizabeth Brent getting the handbook started, and said it was "very badly needed." She also said that Brent had "a very thoughtful and thorough approach" to the handbook.

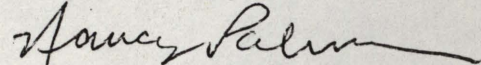
Mariam Bell of Childhelp, USA said that she would "absolutely" fund them, that this group has been able to do amazing things on a shoestring, and that they have accomplished "an amazing amount." Bell has joined their coalition because she thinks they are very focused and do such good work. She thinks the project is an important step in giving legal access to adult survivors of sexual abuse.

30) JOIN: A Center for Involvement (Portland, OR) - Request \$900 for stipends to homeless people who take on speaking engagements on the issue.

Linda Raeymers of McKenzie River Gathering Fund said that they unanimously turned down JOIN's application to them for funding because they found the group to be unconnected to the community there. Raeymers and other members of MRGF didn't know any of the people involved in JOIN or anyone who was organizing their speakers' project. In short, MRGF was very skeptical of their application.

Pat Hill of West Women and Children's Shelter in Portland said that JOIN has been involved in helping the shelter, and that they are dedicated people who "do the work." In her experience of them, they are interested in helping out and not, she said, in promoting themselves like some groups.

For peace and justice,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Palmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Palmer, Resist staff

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GRANTEE FISCAL AND PROGRESS REPORT

Organization: New Haven/Leon Sister City Project

Address: (City, State, Zip) 608 Whitney Ave.
New Haven, CT 06511

Contact Person: Karen Klein

Fiscal Sponsor (if appropriate):

Grant Amount: \$ 600-

Grant Date: March 1992

Purpose of Grant: for an event on the Quincentenary featuring the Broad and Puppet Theatre

Please detail expenditures of grant (i.e. telephone, rent, printing, postage, etc.)

The RESIST grant covered publicity costs, which included: long-distance telephone calls; paper, ink & paper plates for posters, flyers & press releases; postage stamps for extensive mailings.

Amount spent to date: \$ 600

Remaining from Grant: \$ 0

Describe progress made toward achieving the purposes for which the grant was made. Please attach any articles, newsletters, brochures, flyers and expenditure receipts that will illustrate this progress. (Use additional space if necessary.)

The New Haven/Leon Sister City Project sent press kits & PSA announcements to over 80 media organizations. The Project mailed over 600 flyers and printed several hundred posters. The attachments will literally illustrate the impressive progress we made from the RESIST grant. Thank you once again for your generous grant.

Sincerely,
Lisa Kalner
Program Director



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GRANTEE FISCAL AND PROGRESS REPORT

Organization: Campus Action, Inc.

Address: (City, State, Zip) 33 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12210

Contact Person: David Easter

Fiscal Sponsor (if appropriate): same

Grant Amount: \$ 275-

Grant Date: Sept. 1993

Purpose of Grant: toward the costs of production + distribution
of an Activist Directory

Please detail expenditures of grant (i.e. telephone, rent, printing, postage, etc.)

We spent \$275 to help cover the printing of The Activist Directory

Amount spent to date: \$275

Remaining from Grant: - 0 -

Describe progress made toward achieving the purposes for which the grant was made. Please attach any articles, newsletters, brochures, flyers and expenditure receipts that will illustrate this progress. (Use additional space if necessary.)

The Activist Directory is enclosed. The directory was very well received. The data base for the directory has enabled Campus Action to make referrals throughout the year.